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LUNCHEON THURS., DEC. 16: New Spanish Ambassador to U.S., JOSE MARIA de AREILZA, speaker

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ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO FORMAL DEDICATION CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON AT 11 A.M. ON MONDAY, DEC. 13, AS CLUB COMPLETES PROGRAM FOR OPC PARTY & TV SHOW ON 'D-DAY'

Midway of the Dedication Day events on December 13 a special Club luncheon has been arranged immediately following unveiling of the memorial plaques in the library. All Members are invited to both affairs and urged to attend.

OPC's grandest day thus will start at 11 A.M. with the formal ceremony in the library, followed by the luncheon, then the Clubhouse party starting at 5 P.M., and at 8 o'clock, of course, the NBC-TV "spectacular", OPC-produced "Dateline" color telecast commences, from NYC and Hollywood, and runs 'til 9:30. The dateline thereafter is the Clubhouse--a running party-story with sidebars. In fact, there'll be bars on four floors to accommodate Members and their guests (only one guest per Member, including wives, etc.) and the "Dateline" celebrities invited to the celebration after the TV show.

(See Page 2 for news on how the Membership may watch "Dateline")

(The Names Listed on This and Succeeding Pages are Those of the 82 Correspondents in Whose Honor the OPC Clubhouse is Being Dedicated)

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TV GREMLINS GARBLE CLUBHOUSE COLOR SETS, CAUSE SLIGHT CHANGE IN PARTY PLANS

The latest word beamed to The Bulletin (as it struggled to get out early this very special week) was that ghosts were playing havoc with the Hospitality Committee's carefully-laid plans for color TV-casts in the Clubhouse during the big Open House Party, Dec. 13.....Science was still trying to solve the problem as we went to our alleged press. But, as things stood at that time, TV reception at the Clubhouse was deemed by NBC technicians as extremely poor since the building suffers, in this respect, from proximity to the Empire State structure....So, to permit Membership viewing on as big a scale as possible, studio 6-B at 30 Rockefeller Plaza was reserved as a place where 200 Members may positively watch the Big TV Show. This, plus facilities at the Colonial Theater where the NY portion of the program will originate.....

TO THOSE WHO WISH TO WATCH THE SHOW FROM 30 ROCK: Tickets are available at the Clubhouse from 5 to 7 P.M., first come, first served....Same procedure to get ducats for the Colonial Theater. (Exact number for the latter is not known at this time.)

MEANWHILE.....

Final touches were being put on the TV show script as more top entertainment world names were added to the list. The latest, in addition to Hope, Caesar, Como, Fisher, et al, were FRED ALLEN and MARTHA RAYE....And skits in which Members will play roles were taking shape, changed, altered, edited out, then put back in again...MANNY FREEDMAN, New York Times foreign newschief will accompany other OPCers previously listed as performers in the program...One definitely skedded skit, plus those reported on in last week's Bulletin will be a vignette featuring LOWELL THOMAS, BEN GRAUER, ELSA MAXWELL, and H.V. KALTENBORN, and the pro fun-makers Hope, Allen, Raye and Caesar...The "Meet the Press" portion with LAWRENCE SPIVAK and Caesar, and MILTON CANIFF's performance, are still among the "definites".

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DEDICATION & LUNCHEON LOOM AS IMPRESSIVE AFFAIRS LAUNCHING THE D-DAY PROGRAM

New York's World Telegram & Sun described the Club library this week as the "heart" of the OPC. The truth was never more accurately put down in print by a Scripps-Howard sheet or any other paper. For this library, this soothing suite on Floor No. 3, is OPC's "living memorial" to 82 colleagues who died on duty in the service of a free press.... Small mahogany plaques in memory of each fallen newsman have been placed on the library walls..The D-Days, the Guadalcanals, the Leytes, the Anzios, the Iwo Jimas, the Bombays and the Koreas, are mere memories now, sometimes hard to recall in their heroism and--tragedy...OPC's aim is that the sacrifices of these 82 men--and women--shall not be forgotten..... On Monday, Dec. 13, a few days after the 13th anniversary of the "Day that will live in infamy", these plaques, these physically tiny tributes, will be uncovered, dedicated and blessed...OPC President BOB CONSIDINE, who personally served with many of the "82", will be there, as will past presidents CHAPLIN, DALY, GRAY, HERSHEY, KIRTLAND, LOCHNER, LYONS, STARK, THOMAS, WILLIAMS ..and, though he's abroad, so will FRANK KELLEY, in spirit...EDWARD R. MURROW will preside at the luncheon following the dedication, and there will be notable other speakers presentRelatives of "The 82" will be the Club's guests at both the unveiling and the luncheon.

CHECKLIST FOR OPCers: Dedication, 11 A.M., Luncheon 12 noon, Clubhouse Party 5 P.M., "Dateline" 8 P.M., Celebration at Clubhouse Thereafter.

LARDNER, BUSH, GUNN, TERRY, ANDREW, PRIST, FRANKISH, BLECKMAN, BUSHEMI, DUNCAN..

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE:

James O. Burns, Saturday Evening Post and Burns Photography, Inc.; Central Pacific Theatre, U.S. Marine Corps photographer from 1944 to 1945; Puerto Rico, Bermuda, Canada, including Labrador, Nova Scotia for Saturday Evening Post from 1948 to 1954. Proposed by JAMES H. WINCHESTER; seconded by GEORGE F. BURNS.

Marc Cramer, CBS TV News and Public Affairs Producer since June 1953; from September 1952 to May 1953 ABC TV News and Public Affairs. Proposed by ROBERT CONSIDINE; seconded by EDWARD R. MURROW.

Joel O'Brien, free-lance; combat correspondent European area from December 1942 to September 1944; OWI London, Paris, Luxembourg, Germany from September 1944 to November 1945; specialist writer for BBC London from November 1945 to November 1946; ECA radio staff, Paris, from August 1950 to May 1951; directed documentary films in Egypt and Turkey from April to August 1953. Proposed by LUCIAN S. KIRTLAND; seconded by SUTHERLAND DENLINGER.

Florence S. Richards, free-lance; Japan Advertiser from October 1924 to May 1926; Fairchild Publications from November 1950 to February 1952; historian 5th Air Force from November 1953 to April 1954; chief historian 315th Air Division from February 1952 to November 1953. Proposed by HAZEL SHORE CURRIE; seconded by MAX DESFOR.

Franklin S. Riley, Jr.; public relations writer 91st Division from January to September 1945 in Italy; Army Public Information Officer 7th Division Korea from September 1951 to April 1952; Army PIO HQ Far East Command Tokyo from April 1952 to July 1953; presently PR writer Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Proposed by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., seconded by J.C. DINE.

ASSOCIATE:

Barry Wilson, vice president and head editorial department, Visual Methods Co., Inc.; Rochester Journal-American from 1935 to 1936; Rochester Democrat & Chronicle from 1937 to 1943; PIO, Navy Special Devices Center from 1943 to 1950. Proposed by WILLIAM R. MIZELLE; seconded by VIRGINIA PREWETT MIZELLE.

The Bulletin regrets to record the death of long-time Member JOHN M. O'CONNELL, JR., who died November 19. He had been managing editor of the Bangor (Maine) Daily News and had also served that paper in Europe as a correspondent and columnist in 1944-45.

DENNY, BARBERIO, KRELL, MC ELROY, VESSEY, PRICE, KORNFELD, TIGHE, MOORE, POLK...

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MEXICO CITY DATELINE--(Special to The Bulletin)--(Delayed).
 Farewell luncheon for SYDNEY GRUSON, New York Times chief here, and wife Flora, free lance writer and London Daily Express correspondent, given by Foreign Correspondents Association of Mexico. The GRUSON's were presented with a silver tray by the ass'n of which SYDNEY is a former president..(GRUSON is now back in the U.S., covering the U.N.)...Paul Kennedy, GRUSON's successor, guest of AP's Jack Rutledge...DAVE RICHARDSON, Time bureau chief, had housewarming in San Angel home...Some visitors of late: LIONEL CRANE, London Mirror..A.T. Steel and Stewart Owen of Chicago Tribune...Jack Kearney of McGraw Hill, Harry Schaden, of Carl Byoir.....
 (From JOHN WILHELM)

(Editor's Note: The Bulletin publishes above what turns out to be the final dispatch from one of our most faithful correspondents. For many months, JOHN WILHELM has brought behind-the-scenes press doings in the Mexican capital to OPCers via his Bulletin reports. This week McGraw Hill announced his transfer from Mexico City and appointment as Editor of the publishing firm's foreign news network. Congratulations to JOHN and to.....

RUSSELL F. ANDERSON named at the same time as publisher of five McG-H internat'l. pubs.....and succeeded by another OPCer, JOSEPH K. VAN DENBURG, JR., who takes over ANDERSON's previous post, Director of the Services Division....WILHELM's foreign news spot was held up to this time by VAN DENBURG.)

DJAKARTA, INDONESIA--ARNOLD C. BRACKMAN, on Far East beat nine years, left in late November for U.S. and jaw surgery...family following..News front here picking up as a conflicting buildup between Commies and Islam continues....Recent weeks have seen such varied travelers here as Til and Peggy Durdin of the NY Times, Dennis Warner of the London Daily Telegraph, Bill Costello of CBS..Keyes Beech of the Chicago Daily News and LARRY ALLEN of AP.--(From BRACKMAN).

APPOINTMENTS: Five new members of the Hospitality Committee were named this week by LARRY BLOCHMAN, in view of the group's increasing activities: LYNN FARNOL, LILLIAN GENN, JOSEPH C. PETERS, CORNELIUS RYAN and WILL YOLEN.

Second Warning!

Make no New Year's Eve plans--without checking future Bulletins for details of Club-house party and dance that gay evening.

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ENTRIES NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR ALBERT LASKER MEDICAL JOURNALISM AWARDS

OPCER HAROLD MANTELL reports that as of Dec. 10 entries for the 1954 Albert Lasker Medical Journalism Awards are being accepted. Awards of \$1,000 each will be given for the best medical and public health reporting in newspaper and magazine fields. Entry blanks and other info can be obtained from Nieman Foundation for Journalism, 44 Holyoke House, Cambridge 38, Mass. Deadline: Jan. 23. Last year's magazine top prize went to BILL DAVIDSON of Colliers.

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BRANYAN, FALCO, KNICKERBOCKER, WERKLEY, DICK, COLVIG, BARROWS, MOORAD, GRATAF.....

IT WAS PRESS DAY AT THE PRESS CLUB WHEN PRIME MINISTER OF CEYLON VISITED OPC

OPC got worldwide mention as Sir John Kotelawala, prime minister of Ceylon, spoke at Club luncheon. AP, UP, the Times and Tribune here sent fotogs for shots of Sir John with Vice President JOHN BARKHAM and other Members. In addition to the pix and stories, wide radio coverage resulted from a Voice of America broadcast of the talk.

Another foreign dignitary--the Hon. K.A. Gbedemak, Gold Coast minister of finance and chief UN delegate, gave an informal talk at the Club's Nov. 30 Open House. Within two years, he said, the Gold Coast will become the first African colonial nation to achieve complete political independence--all accomplished without tension or bloodshed. The Gold Coast will thereafter be known as "Gahnne", after an ancient African kingdom and will join the British Commonwealth with full dominion status.--(From BETTY REEF).

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PEN-PALS: Just returned from six-week European jaunt: WAMBLY BALD...In Spain, and heading for Switzerland after some time in Paris: ARTHUR RAY NICHOLS.

A BULLETIN BOO-BOO--"Name your weapons!", demanded LARRY BLOCHMAN last week after noting the announcement that a Tuesday Night Open House would be held Dec. 14 in honor of ANSEL TALBERT. Seems it should have been Dec. 7, not repeat not Dec. 14. Despite the Bulletin's blundering, a goodly crowd turned up on the right night--Dec. 7--after correction calls were put out by the Hospitality Committee.

Notes: JIM WINCHESTER just regaining his wind after harrowing adventure in air over the Azores. Covering an air-to-air refueling operation in a big, four-motored ship, JIM, fotog Jim Burns and the crew were all set to bail out when one of the engines caught fire. On board was 169,000 gallons of fuel. The craft managed to make it to a Bermuda strip, however --two hours later and with fire and rescue squads standing by...

Can't-Keep-A-Good-Gal-Down Dep't: JEWEL de BONILLA plans to show up at D-Day festivities --on crutches. Somehow during the Internat'l Debutante Ball (Nov. 23) she suffered a fractured hip! Roosevelt Hospital did the repairing --at 4 A.M.

The following books have been received for the Library:

From Funk and Wagnalls: WAR OF WITS by Ladislav Farago

From Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc.: THE SEVENTH TRUMPET by Peter Julian

THE SURVIVORS by Ronald McKie

THE SHADOW OF POWER by Chingis Guirey

ASSIGNMENT TO AUSTERITY by Herbert and Nancie Matthews

THE DESERT WATCHES by Wilson MacArthur

From Little, Brown & Company: GHOST ON HORSEBACK by Ray Brock

From Thomas Y. Crowell Company: SO NOBLE A CAPTAIN by Charles McKew Parr

MY RINGSIDE SEAT IN MOSCOW by Nicholas Nyaradi

MY NAME IS TOM CONNALLY by Senator Tom Connally

From Oceana Publications: FUNDRAISING MADE EASY by Edwin S. Newman & Leo J. Margolin

Dodd, Mead & Company: NEW LIFE IN OLD LANDS by Kathleen McLaughlin

Henry Regnery Company: TYCOONS AND TYRANT by Louis P. Lochner

The Americana Corporation: THE AMERICAN ANNUAL of 1954 (encyclopedia of the events of 1953).

Fred Joyce, 277 Park Avenue: THE SILVER SPADE by Whitney Bolton

Doubleday & Company, Inc.: HOW TO MAKE MONEY FROM YOUR IDEAS by Ray Josephs.

KOHN, MURPHY, PARIS, PYLE, BELLAIRE, CASHMAN, CHICKERING, MORTON, PAINTON.....

Of (Santa) Clauses and Coconuts...

DEC. 21 PARTY FEATURES REINDEER MEAT AND SOUTH SEA ISLES FARE!

A combination of the Nordic and the Tropical is on tap for the Tuesday, Dec. 21, Open House at the Club.

The unusual mixture of fare for OPCers can be credited to LARRY BLOCHMAN's Hospitality Committee, JOE PETERS, the Norwegian Embassy and ELIOT ELISOFON....The Bulletin can report only what it hears and according to BLOCHMAN, RUTH LLOYD, PETERS and others refusing permission to use their names, the party that evening will start with (1) Norwegian beer acquavit and eel tidbits--on the house and courtesy of the Norwegian Embassy and Export Council, with a nudge from PETERS--from 5 to 7 P.M.; (2) then reindeer meat on the Christmas dinner menu (\$2.50) and (3) a photographic tour of the South Seas!

The latter junket is courtesy of Life's ELIOT ELISOFON, featuring 100 color slides previewed by OPCers in advance of a special issue of his mag, Jan. 24. The pix were taken on a 30,000-mile tour which ELIOT describes as "the biggest story I've ever photographed."

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